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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

You will find in the Cabinet Room essentially the same people we had this morning, plus the Secretary of State and minus George Ball. Here is a list of those from whom you might want to choose for a small meeting in your office:

Secretary Rusk
Secretary McNamara
General Taylor
The Vice President (?)
The Attorney General (?) (He and I have had a talk and he knows what is at stake and is at your disposal if you want him, and will go cruising if you do not.)
Bundy (?)
Secretary Dillon (?)
Governor Harriman (?) (MIKE THINKS NOT)

Instead of putting in a long aside about Harkins in the draft telegram you saw, I have drafted a separate message, Eyes Only from you to Lodge on the problem of candid advice from himself and Harkins.

Tab A is the general message, and Tab B the private one. I have additional copies for such distribution as you wish.

McG. B.